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COUNTDOWN
TO **CHAOS!**

Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures – A world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic and his friends work to save the world from the forces of evil!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

PREVIOUSLY...

SONIC IS THE FASTEST, COOLEST HERO ALIVE!

After foiling Dr. Eggman's plans, both Sonic and Eggman woke up back in their home world, but with new memories – and a new past, altered by the reality-warping Genesis Wave!

The artificial intelligence known as NICOLE holds the key to what has happened, and by interacting with the heroic Freedom Fighters she has begun to "defragment" this new world, beginning with a newly revitalized ROTOR THE WALRUS!

While Sonic and Tails put the team back together, Dr. Eggman is struggling to make his way home to the Death Egg. He's made a startling discovery about the planet, and it's got him running scared...



WHO'S WHO



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE



MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST BUD



DR. EGGMAN
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS



???

COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS

PART TWO: THE SOLDIER

IN THE SKIES
OVER
AVALON...

STOP
PUTTING
HOLES
IN MY
PLANE!

DR. EGGMAN
VILLAIN ON
THE RUN

BLAM!

I DON'T
THINK THEY
CAN HEAR
YOU, BOSS!

ORBOT
SASSY
ASSISTANT

PUSH, PUSH!
IT VILL MAKE US
GO SCHNELL!

CUBOT
HAS A
FAULTY
VOICE
CHIP

G.U.N.
GUARDIAN
UNITS OF THE
NATIONS

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BLAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!

CRASH!

SCREEEEEEEECH

HOOD!
FRONT AND
CENTER!

WE'RE
ALIVE, I'M STILL
PROCESSING
IF I'M HAPPY
ABOUT
THAT...



HOOD?!
H-HERE, SIR!
RIGHT HERE!
W-WE WEREN'T
EXPECTING--!

LORD MORDRED HOOD
REGIONAL EGG BOSS



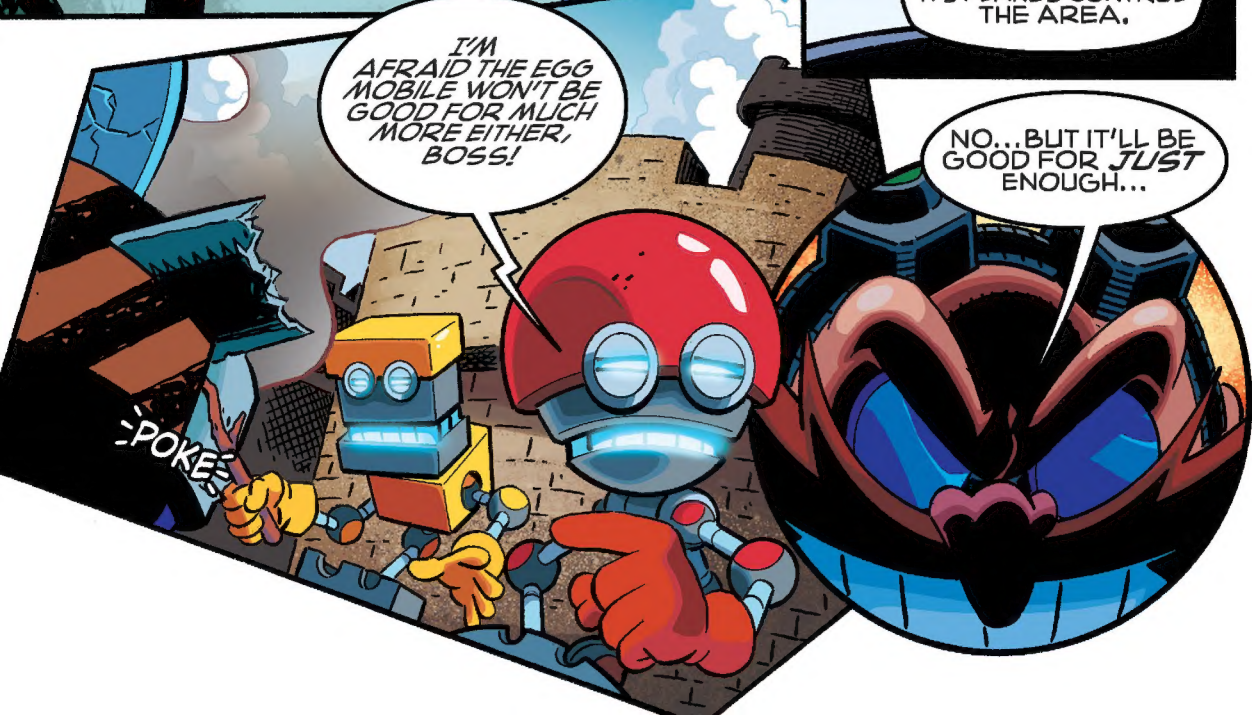
WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH BOW AND HIS GANG!
I ASKED FOR BADNIK SUPPORT MONTHS AGO!
WE WERE SO DISTRACTED BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS,
WE WERE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD WHEN THE G.U.N.
CARRIER CAME INTO DOCK AND--

I ASKED FOR ANSWERS, NOT EXCUSES!
NOW READY AN AIRCRAFT FOR ME, I'M IN A HURRY!



BA-BOOM!

EVEN IF WE HAD ONE, SIR, THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE GOING TO FLY ANYWHERE WHILE THAT G.U.N. CARRIER AND ITS PLANES CONTROL THE AREA.



I'M AFRAID THE EGG MOBILE WON'T BE GOOD FOR MUCH MORE EITHER, BOSS!

NO... BUT IT'LL BE GOOD FOR JUST ENOUGH...

POKEE

OUTSIDE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE: WOOD ZONE, WESTSIDE ISLAND...

SONIC
TRUE BLUE
HERO

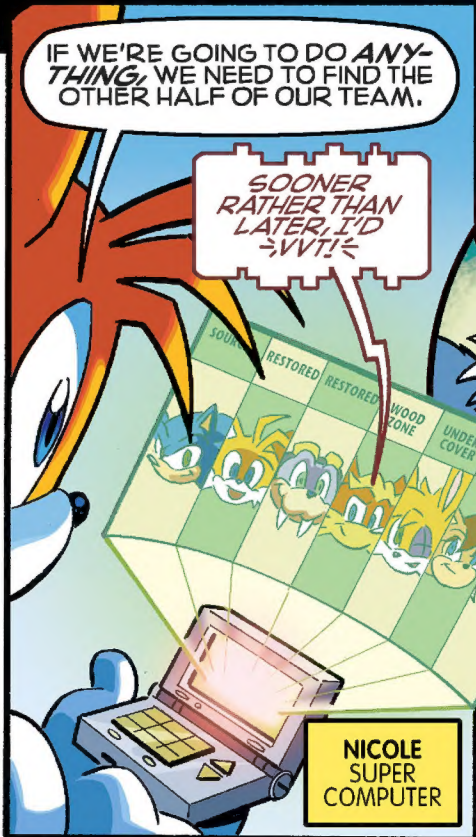
TAILS
HIGH-FLYING
GENIUS



THAT ... THAT WAS NICE.

IT WAS KNOTHOLE, NOT OUR KNOTHOLE, BUT...

YEAH, IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH. IF KNOTHOLE CAN GET A SECOND CHANCE, MAYBE WE CAN, TOO.



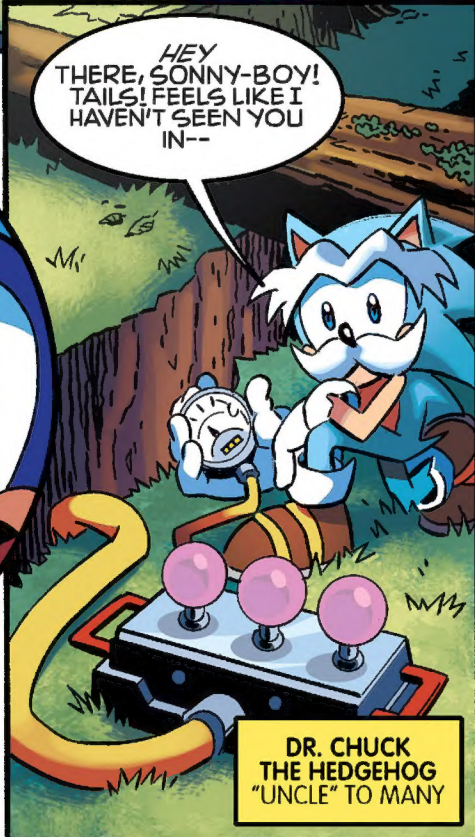
IF WE'RE GOING TO DO ANYTHING, WE NEED TO FIND THE OTHER HALF OF OUR TEAM.

SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, I'D ~VVV!~

NICOLE
SUPER
COMPUTER



HOLD THAT THOUGHT...

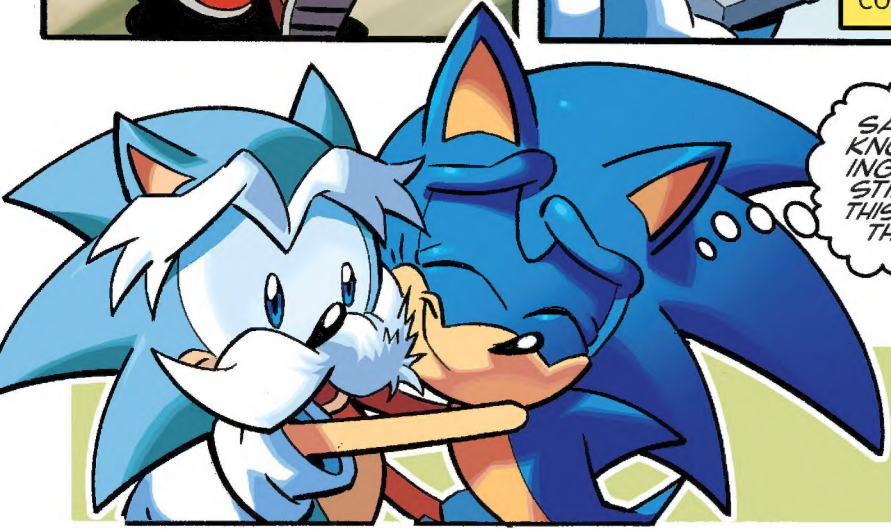


HEY THERE, SONNY-BOY! TAILS! FEELS LIKE I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN--

DR. CHUCK
THE HEDGEHOG
"UNCLE" TO MANY



--FOR-
EVER?



SALLY'S NOT A ROBOT, KNOTHOLE'S STILL STANDING, AND UNCLE CHUCK'S STILL AROUND. MAYBE THIS WHOLE "NEW REALITY" THING ISN'T SO BAD...



HA! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

NOTHIN', UNCLE CHUCK. JUST HAPPY TO SEE YOU SAFE AND SOUND.

WELL, NONE OF US WILL BE IF I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT'S CAUSING THESE TREMORS.

TREMORS?

MM-HMM, UNUSUAL SEISMIC ACTIVITY FOR THIS AREA. I'LL BET YOU ANYTHING IT'S EGG-MAN. I'M TAKING SOME SAMPLES OF THE STRANGE ENERGY SEEPING OUT OF THE EARTH. HOPEFULLY, IT'LL HELP ME FIGURE OUT JUST WHAT HE'S UP TO.

I'D LOVE TO HAVE NICOLE'S HELP IN ANALYZING THE SAMPLES IF SHE'S FREE.

SO SORRY
->VVT!&I'M
NEEDED ON
ANOTHER
->VVT!&

UH-OH, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, DEAR?

IT'S... COMPLICATED.

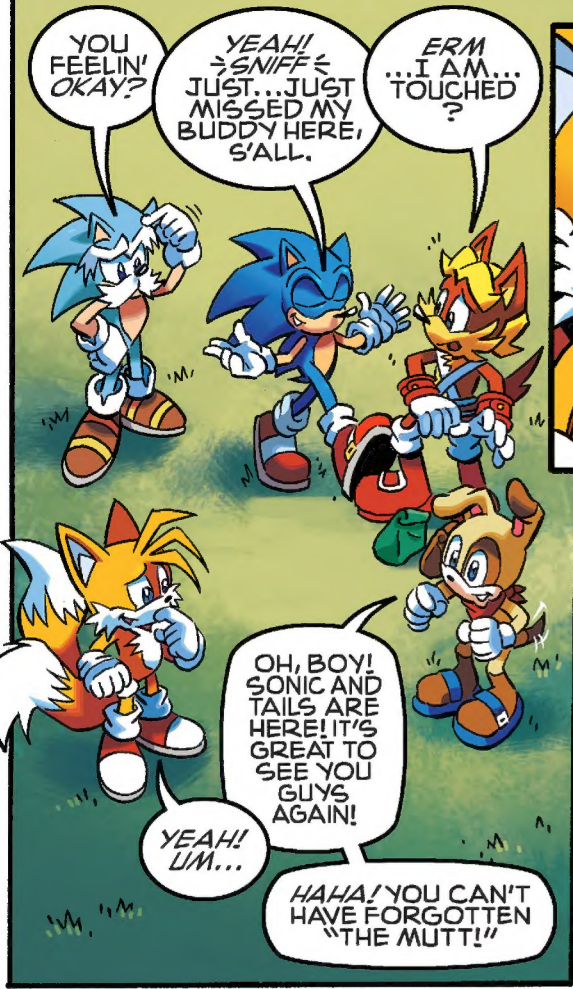
SHORT VERSION: WE NEED TO SEE ANTOINE. ROTOR SAID HE WAS WITH YOU.

SURE IS, HE'S BEEN ACTING AS MY BODY-GUARD AS THE MUTT AND I DO OUR RESEARCH.

AH! BONJOUR, MES AMIS! I WAS NOT EXPECTING YOU HERE.

ANTOINE
D'COOLETTE
THE SOLDIER

...I AM MISSING SOMETHING, PERHAPS?



YOU FEELIN' OKAY?

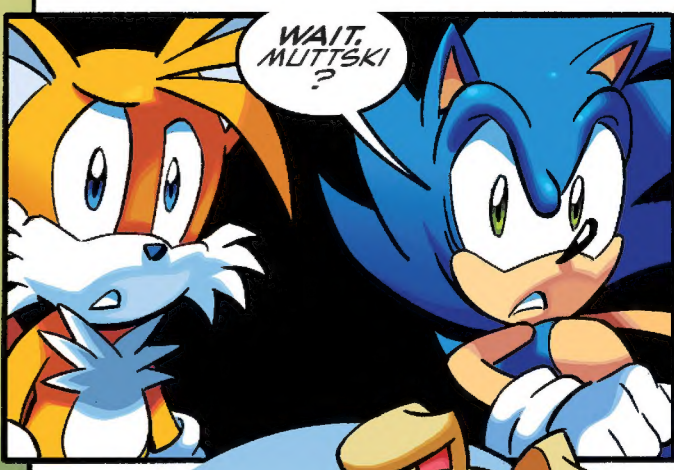
YEAH!
➤ SNIFF ◀
JUST... JUST MISSED MY BUDDY HERE, S'ALL.

ERM... I AM... TOUCHED?

OH, BOY! SONIC AND TAILS ARE HERE! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU GUYS AGAIN!

YEAH! UM...

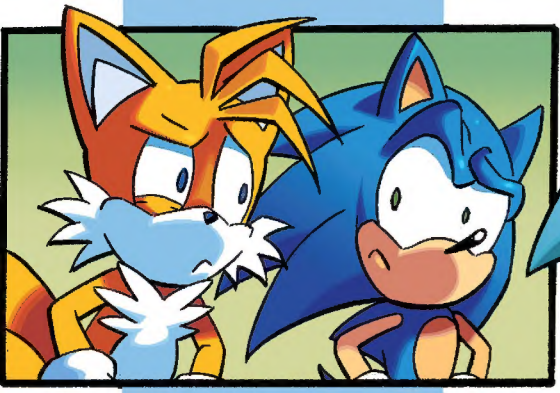
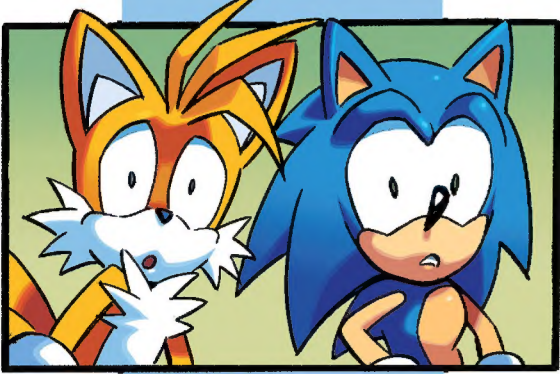
HAHA! YOU CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN "THE MUTT!"



WAIT, MUTTSKI?

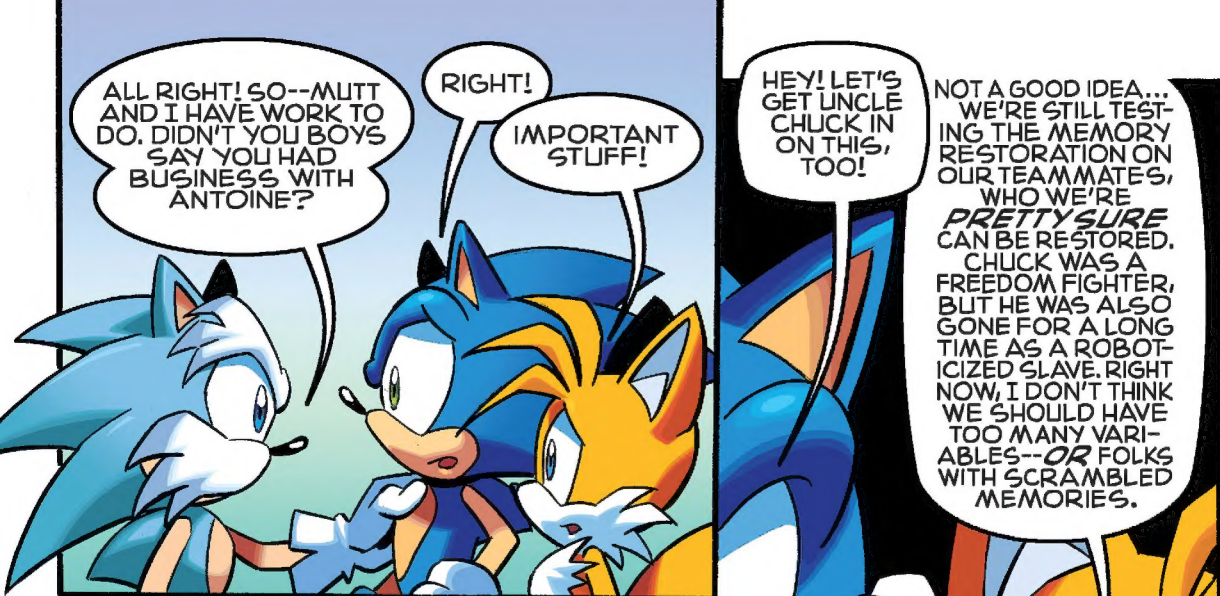
THAT'S MY NAME! DON'T WEAR IT OUT!

BEN "MUTT" MUTTSKI
CHUCK'S APPRENTICE



WHY ARE THEY ACTING SO-- HOW YOU SAY-- "FUNKY?"

I DLINNO. MAYBE THEY HAD A BAD BATCH OF CHILI DOGS ON THE FLIGHT OVER.



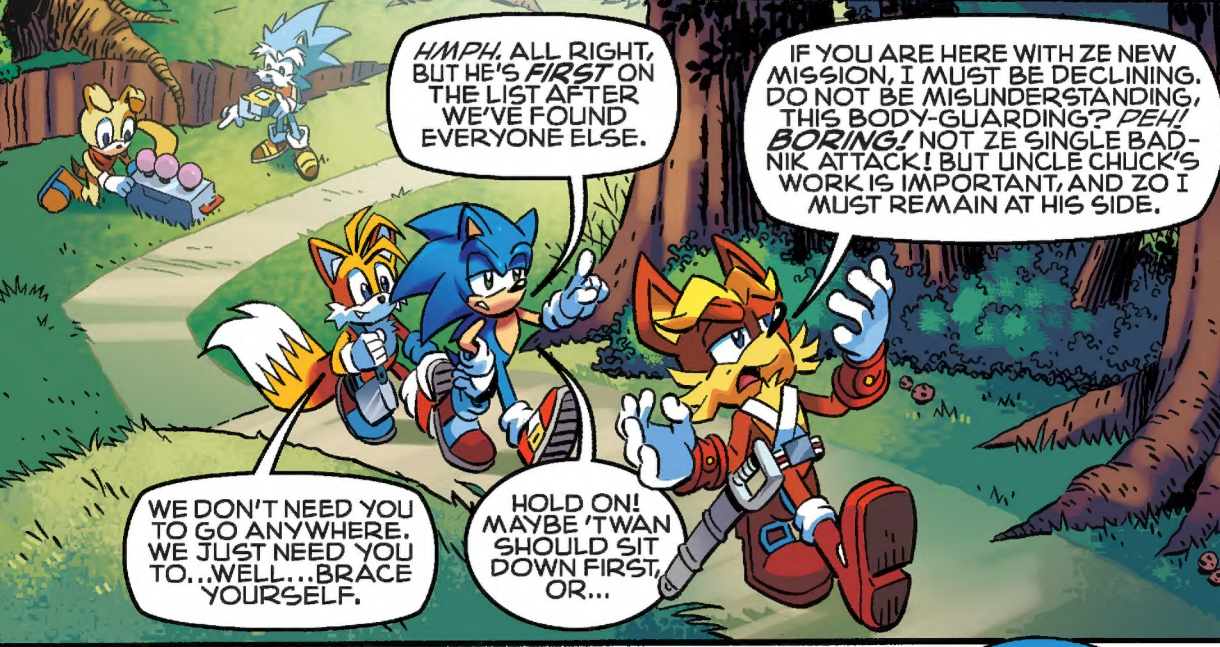
ALL RIGHT! SO--MUTT AND I HAVE WORK TO DO. DIDN'T YOU BOYS SAY YOU HAD BUSINESS WITH ANTOINE?

RIGHT!

IMPORTANT STUFF!

HEY! LET'S GET UNCLE CHUCK IN ON THIS, TOO!

NOT A GOOD IDEA... WE'RE STILL TESTING THE MEMORY RESTORATION ON OUR TEAMMATES, WHO WE'RE **PRETTY SURE** CAN BE RESTORED. CHUCK WAS A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT HE WAS ALSO GONE FOR A LONG TIME AS A ROBOTICIZED SLAVE. RIGHT NOW, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD HAVE TOO MANY VARIABLES--**OR** FOLKS WITH SCRAMBLED MEMORIES.



HMPH. ALL RIGHT, BUT HE'S **FIRST** ON THE LIST AFTER WE'VE FOUND EVERYONE ELSE.

IF YOU ARE HERE WITH ZE NEW MISSION, I MUST BE DECLINING. DO NOT BE MISUNDERSTANDING, THIS BODY-GUARDING? **PEH! BORING!** NOT ZE SINGLE BAD-NIK ATTACK! BUT UNCLE CHUCK'S WORK IS IMPORTANT, AND ZO I MUST REMAIN AT HIS SIDE.

WE DON'T NEED YOU TO GO ANYWHERE. WE JUST NEED YOU TO...WELL...BRACE YOURSELF.

HOLD ON! MAYBE 'TWAN SHOULD SIT DOWN FIRST, OR...



WHAT IS ZE MATTER WITH ZE TWO OF YOU? YOU ARE ACTING AS IF I AM ZE GHOST, HERE TO BE HAUNTING YOU. IF YOU ARE NEEDING ME, SAY SO. IF I MUST BE DOING SOMETHING TO HELP, I WILL DO IT. STOP BEING THE NAMBY-PAMBIES.

ALL RIGHT, 'TWAN, THERE'S NO EASY WAY TO DO THIS, SO...

JUST...TAKE NICOLE.



...MON DIEU...

EASY, BUDDY, I'VE GOTCHA.

I WAS... I WAS...

(TOLDJA TO SIT DOWN FIRST.)

HURT, THAT'S ALL. BAD? YEAH, IN A COMA? SURE, BUT YOU WERE ALIVE AND YOU WERE GONNA RECOVER.



SONIC GOT YOU TO THE HOSPITAL JUST IN TIME.

RIGHT! YOU'RE A FIGHTER! YOU HELD ON AND --!

LHT-TUT-TUT-TUT! PLEASE, MÉS AMÍS...

MY THOUGHTS...THEY ARE JUMBLED. WHERE IS BUNNIE? HOW IS MY WIFE?



MEANWHILE...

DYO-HO-HO!
THOSE G.U.N.
FOOLS WON'T
KNOW WHAT
HIT 'EM!

I'M RIGHT HERE,
AND I DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE'RE HITTING
THEM WITH.

SHUT IT! I'VE GOT TO
GET TO THE DEATHEGG
AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
IF THAT MEANS I'VE
GOT TO GO THROUGH
G.U.N., SO BE IT!

JAWOHL,
MEIN
EMPEROR!

AWOOOGA!

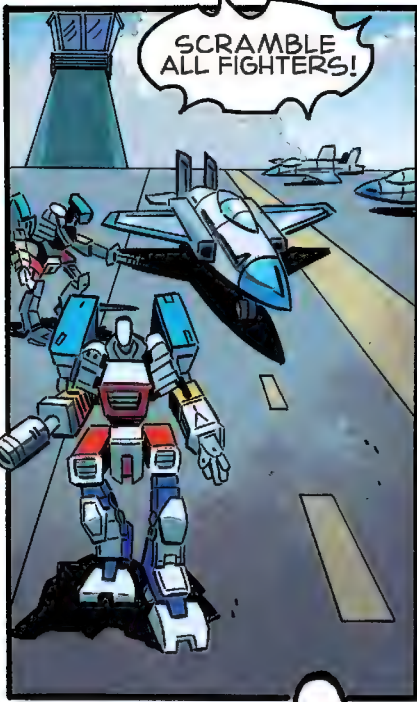
AWOOOGA!

BLOW!

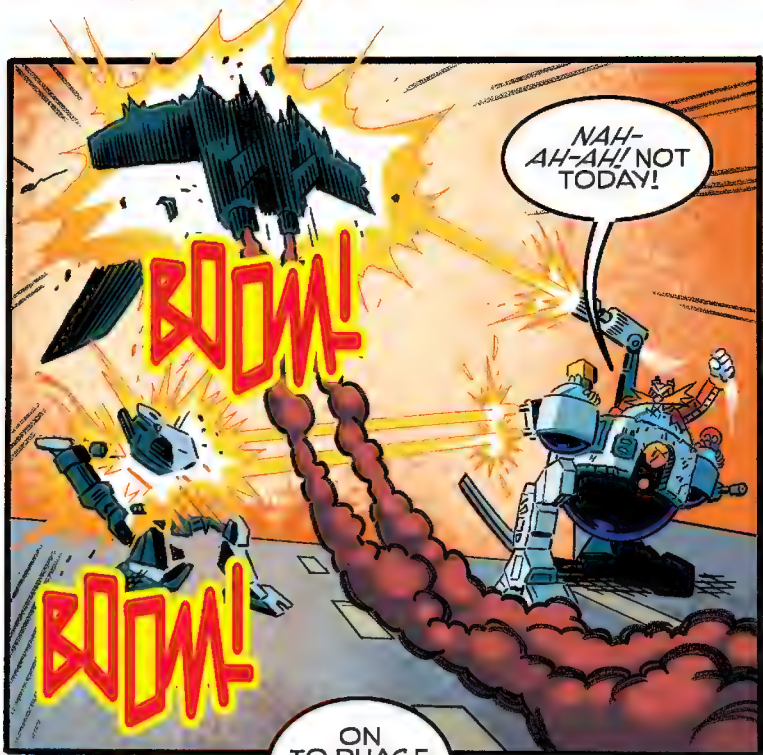
BLAM!

WAH-
HA-HA-HA!
COME AT ME,
BOTS!

CLANG!



SCRAMBLE ALL FIGHTERS!



NAH-AH-AH! NOT TODAY!

BOOM!

ON TO PHASE TWO! HOP TO IT!

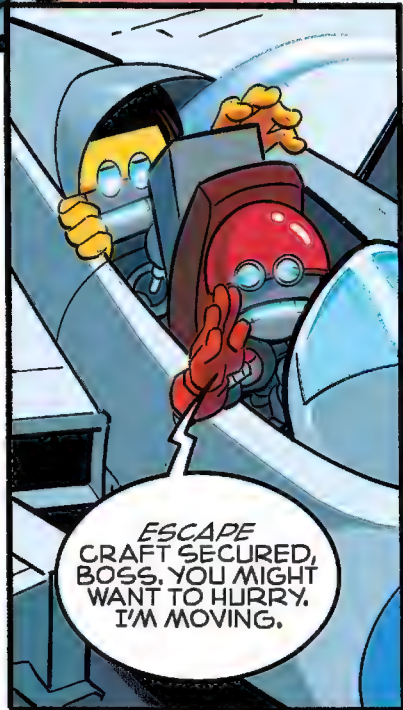


JOY, NOW WE GET TO RUN THROUGH THE FIRE-FIGHT...



HEY! WHAT-- THE--

YOU BETTER FIND ZE LIFE BOATS! ZIS CARRIER IST GOING TO BE KAPUT!



ESCAPE CRAFT SECURED, BOSS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO HURRY. I'M MOVING.

A circular inset panel showing Dr. Eggman in a control room. He is wearing his signature orange and blue attire and is looking at a computer monitor. The monitor displays a red-tinted image of a robot. Eggman has a smug expression and is holding a control device.

YOU'VE SERVED ME WELL, FAITHFUL EGG MOBILE. I SURE KNOW HOW TO BUILD 'EM!


A large panel showing Dr. Eggman running through a futuristic, metallic environment. He is surrounded by several small, blue and white robots that are firing yellow energy beams. Eggman has a determined and slightly mischievous look on his face.

AWOOOGA!

AWOOOGA!

A panel showing a large, fiery explosion on the left side. Dr. Eggman is running towards the right, carrying a large, red, cylindrical object. He is surrounded by several robots, some of which are firing energy beams at him. The scene is filled with action and chaos.


BOOM!

A close-up panel of Dr. Eggman's face. He is wearing his blue visor and has a wide, confident grin. He is surrounded by the heads of several robots, suggesting he is in a crowded or controlled environment.

I CAN CONFIRM THE COMMAND SIGNAL TO THE G.U.N. ARMORED UNITS IS DOWN. WE'RE IN THE CLEAR.

A close-up panel of Dr. Eggman's face, similar to the previous one. He is looking directly at the viewer with a smug expression, his hands clasped in front of him.

AND NOW YOU KNOW WHY I AM THE BEST!

A large panel at the bottom of the page showing Dr. Eggman laughing heartily. He is surrounded by several blue and white robots that are flying or falling around him. The scene is filled with a sense of triumph and chaos.

HAHAHAHAHA!

BACK IN THE WOOD ZONE...

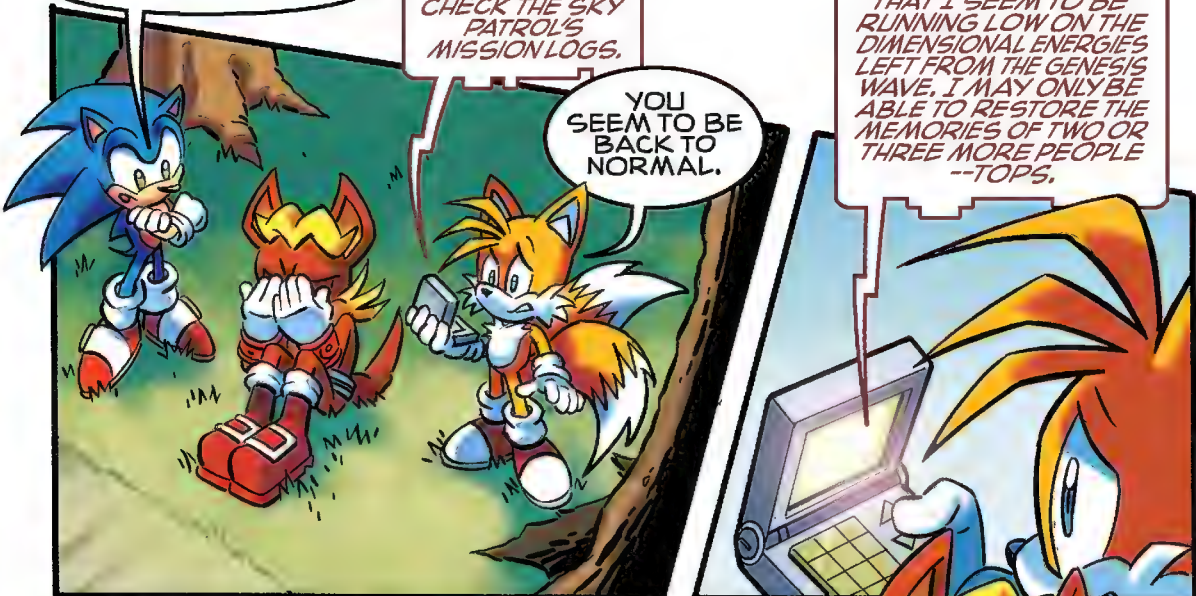
MOST OF THE GIRLS ARE MISSING IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, AND WE'RE STILL PLAYING CATCH-UP.

NICOLE, DO YOU HAVE ANY UPDATES ON BLUNNIE'S UNDERCOVER MISSION?

STAND BY--I'LL CHECK THE SKY PATROL'S MISSION LOGS.

YOU SEEM TO BE BACK TO NORMAL.

BASIC SYSTEMS SEEM TO BE FINE, BUT I CAN'T ACCESS MY HOLO-MATRIX YET. OH, WELL --BABY STEPS, I'M MORE CONCERNED THAT I SEEM TO BE RUNNING LOW ON THE DIMENSIONAL ENERGIES LEFT FROM THE GENESIS WAVE. I MAY ONLY BE ABLE TO RESTORE THE MEMORIES OF TWO OR THREE MORE PEOPLE --TOPS.



WHAT IS THIS TALK OF ENERGIES AND MEMORIES? I AM SO VERY CONFUSED...

SHORT VERSION? I KINDA FELL THROUGH A HOLE IN REALITY, AND MY BOND WITH YOU GUYS IS MAKING FOR SOME SPECIAL EFFECTS.

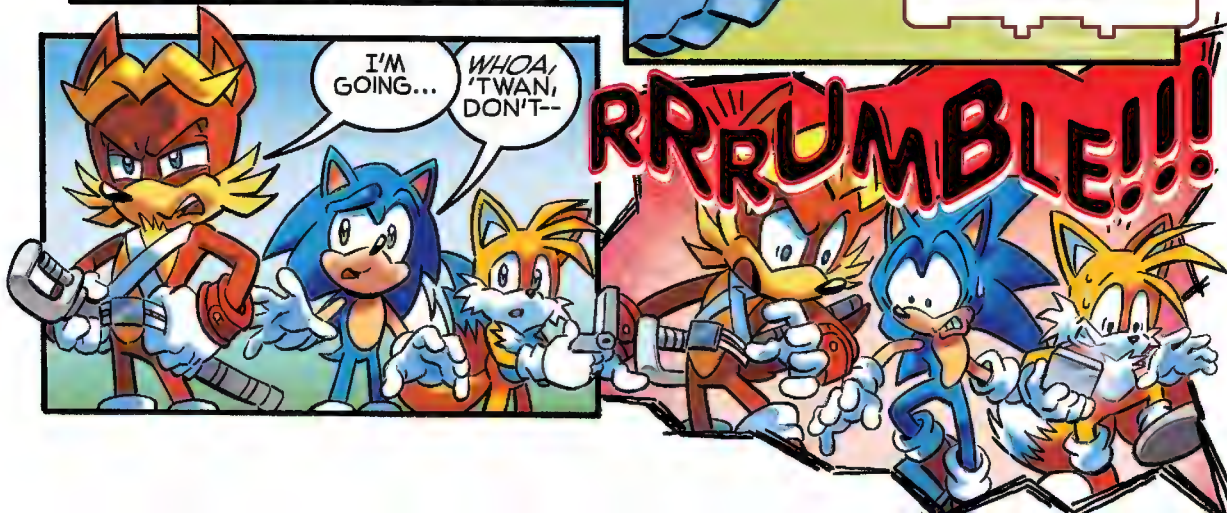
NICOLE'S DATABASE REACTS TO THOSE BONDS, WE THINK, RESTORING MEMORIES. THE NEXT STEP IS TO FIND BLUNNIE FOR THE NEXT BOND-ZAP-THINGIE.

THAT MAY BE A PROBLEM, THE BLUNNIE OF THIS WORLD WENT UNDERCOVER TO INFILTRATE THE EGG ARMY AND MISSED HER LAST CHECK-IN WITH US BY A WEEK. HER LAST REPORT DID SAY SHE WAS GOING INTO DEEPER COVER, BUT...

I'M GOING...

WHOA, 'TWAN, DON'T--

RRRUMBLE!!!



AAAAAH
HHHHHH!

SONIC!
MY
RESEARCH
--!

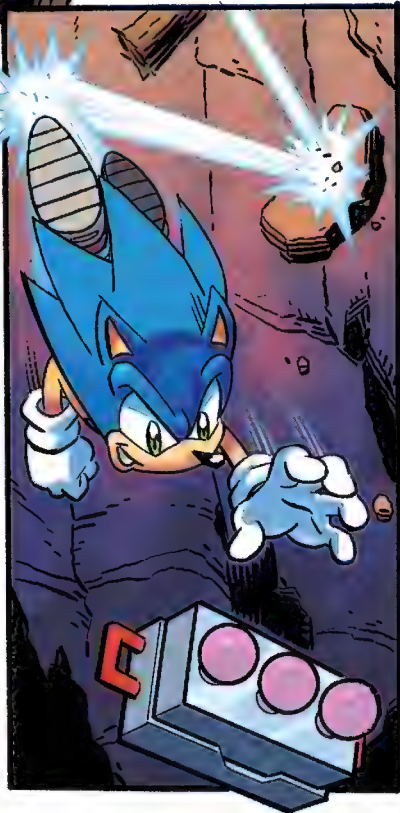
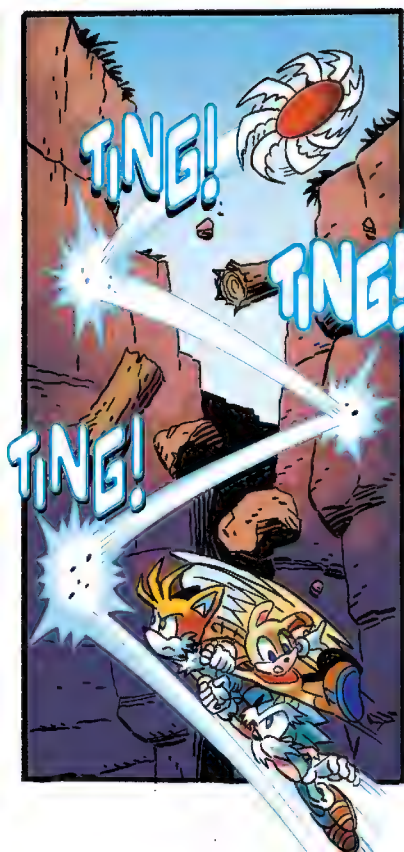
PRIORITIES,
UNC!

SHING!

GET 'EM
TOPSIDE!
I'M RIGHT
BEHIND YA!



TAKE
ZEM BOTH!
I'LL CLEAR
ZE WAY!





GOTCHA!
YOU BETTER
BE WORTH
IT!



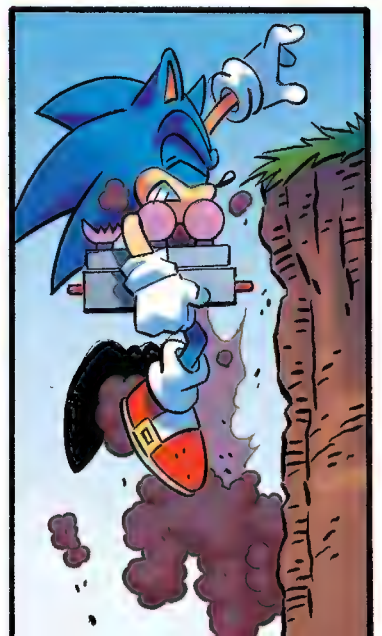
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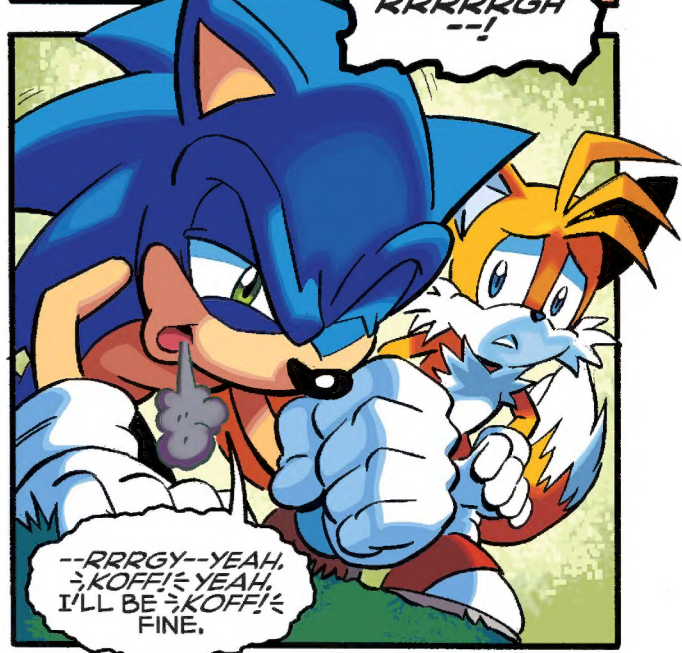
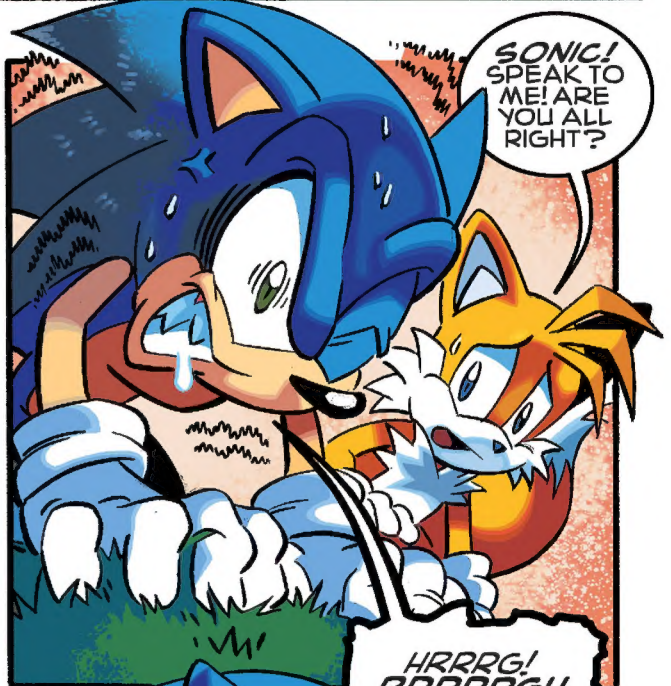
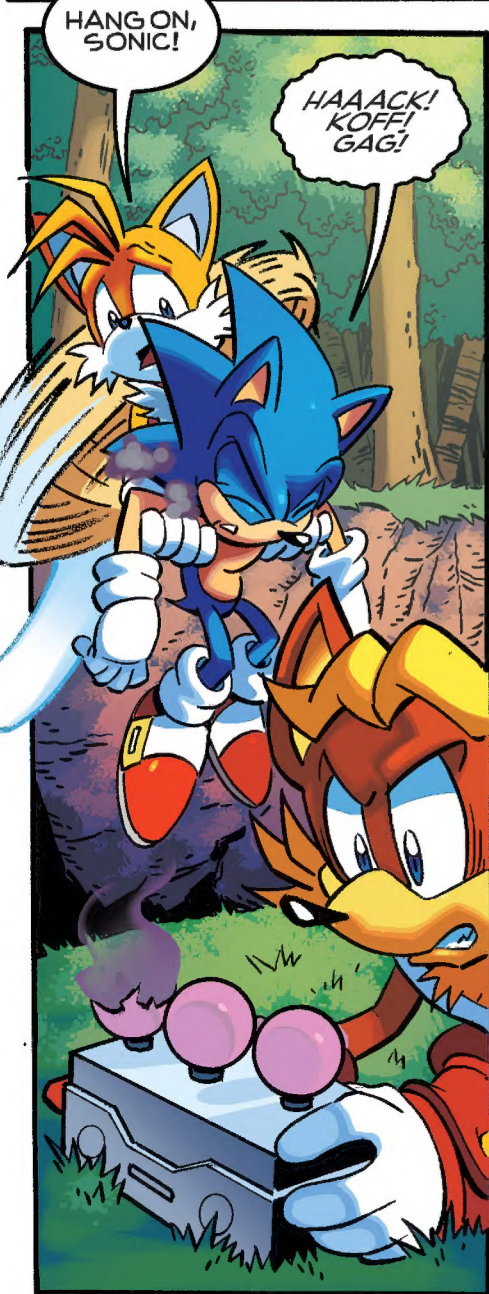


GAK!
=>KOFFE!
=>HACK!<=



=>GAG!<=
=>HACK!<=







SONIC! WHAT HAPPENED?!

GROUND SHOOK, YOU FELL, I SAVED YOUR RESEARCH. LOST A BIT OF IT, THOUGH. SORRY.

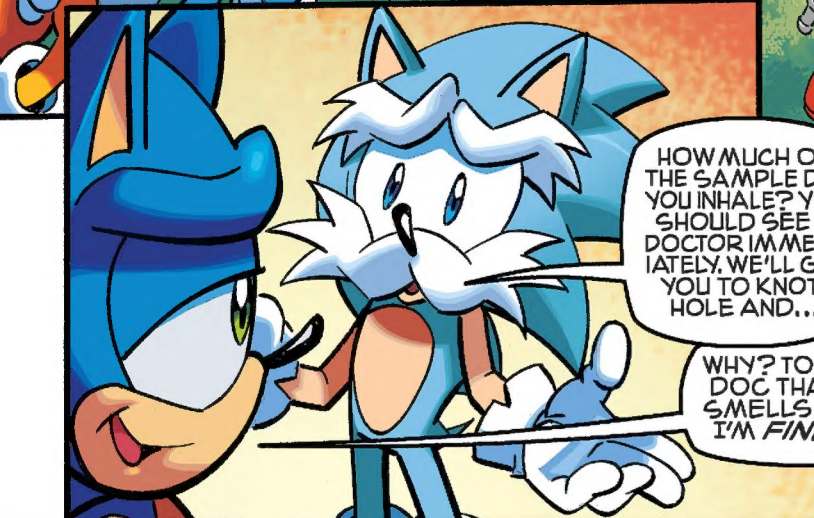


YOU WERE AWESOME! THAT SPIN BLADE BALL ATTACK WAS ALL WHOOSH!!

WERE YOU NOT SCREAMING IN TERROR ZE MOMENT AGO?

YEAH, BUT NOW WE'RE FINE! AND YOU'RE STILL AWESOME!

OUI, OUI, MERCI.



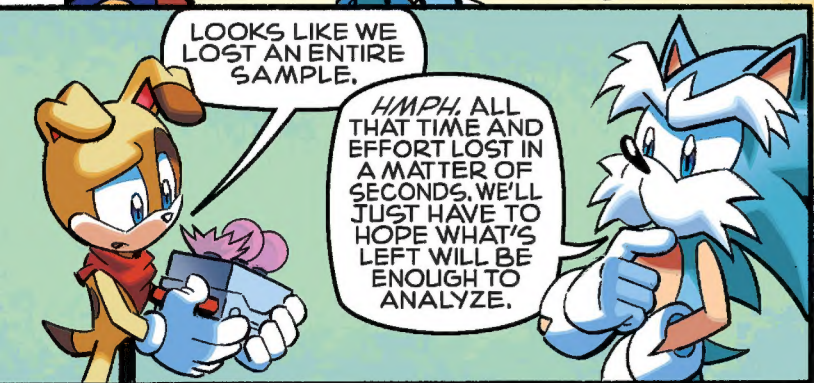
HOW MUCH OF THE SAMPLE DID YOU INHALE? YOU SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY. WE'LL GET YOU TO KNOT-HOLE AND...

WHY? TO TELL THE DOC THAT STUFF SMELLS NASTY? I'M FINE, UNIC'.

SIGH I ALWAYS SAID YOU HAD MORE SKILL THAN SENSE.

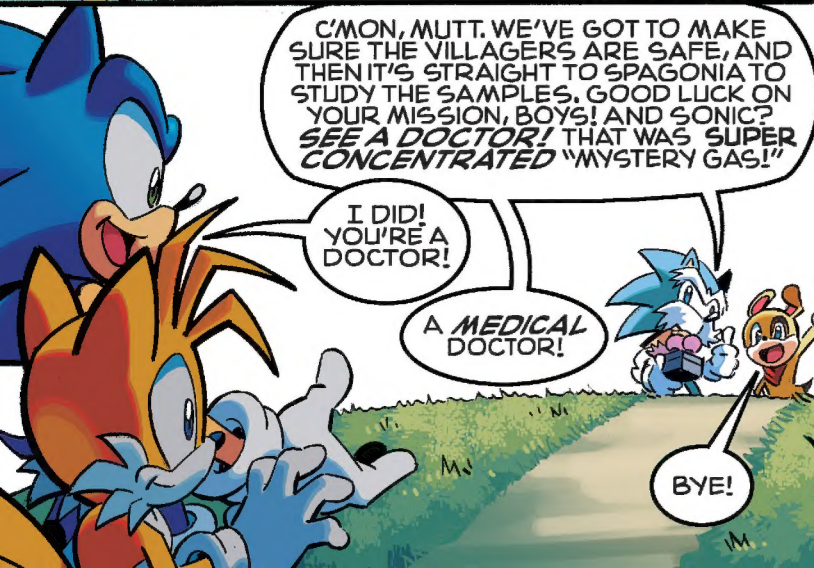
IT'S GOTTEN ME THIS FAR, HASN'T IT?

TRUE ENOUGH. THANK YOU, BOYS, FOR EVERYTHING.



LOOKS LIKE WE LOST AN ENTIRE SAMPLE.

HMPH, ALL THAT TIME AND EFFORT LOST IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE WHAT'S LEFT WILL BE ENOUGH TO ANALYZE.



C'MON, MUTT. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THE VILLAGERS ARE SAFE, AND THEN IT'S STRAIGHT TO SPAGONIA TO STUDY THE SAMPLES. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR MISSION, BOYS! AND SONIC? SEE A DOCTOR! THAT WAS SUPER CONCENTRATED "MYSTERY GAS!"

I DID! YOU'RE A DOCTOR!

A MEDICAL DOCTOR!

BYE!



TAILS--

--BE MAKING SURE SONIC SEES ZE DOCTORS. I WILL GO WITH THEM.

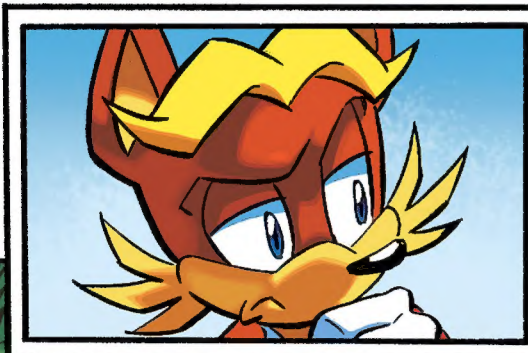


YOU SURE?
YOU SAID IT WAS
BORING.

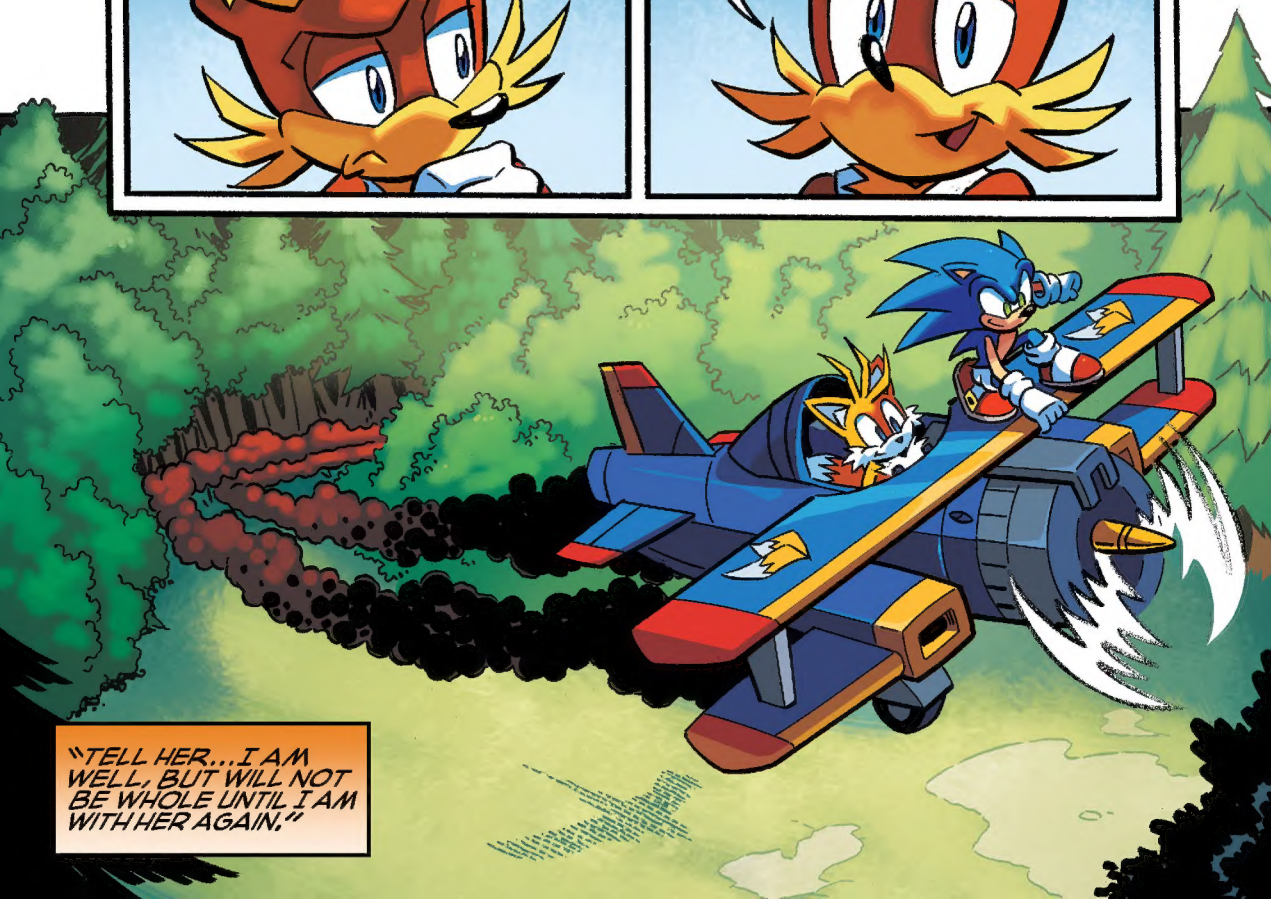
OLI, BUT TODAY IS
PROVING DANGER MAY
STRIKE AT ANY TIME,
NON? IF CHUCK'S RE-
SEARCH CAN HELP
STOP ZE TREMORS,
THEN HE *MUST*
DELIVER HIS RESEARCH
SAFELY, ONLY AFTER
THAT WILL I REJOIN
YOU.

AND I KNOW I
CAN TRUST I
ZE TWO OF
YOU, FOR
EVERYTHING.

THANKS, 'TWAN.
ANYTHING YOU
WANT US TO TELL
BUNNIE WHEN WE
FIND HER?



OLI.



*"TELL HER... I AM
WELL, BUT WILL NOT
BE WHOLE UNTIL I AM
WITH HER AGAIN."*

METROPOLIS ZONE...

HEY!
ROOKIE!
YOU BETTER
GET FULLY
SUITED UP
BEFORE SOME-
ONE REPORTS
YOU!

RIGHT!
SORRY
'BOUT
THAT!

ALL
HAIL THE
EGGMAN
EMPIRE,
AND ALL
THAT JAZZ,
RIGHT?

BUNNIE "RABBOT" D'COOLETTE
--EGG SOLDIER! IS SHE STILL
A SPY, OR HAS SOMETHING
HAPPENED?
IT'S UP TO SONIC AND TAILS TO
FIND OUT IN "**COUNTDOWN TO
CHAOS**" PART THREE!
MEANWHILE, DON'T MISS AMY
ROSE'S ADVENTURE WITH BLAZE
THE CAT IN **SONIC UNIVERSE #55-58**
"PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!"
--GOING ON NOW!